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From: Randall Montgomery [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2005 6:27 PM
To: Silawsky, Donald
Subject: THE WORTHY MINE SITE FOR EAST COAST SPR

MR. Silawsky: DOE Office of Fossil Energy:

In Response to: "DOE Reopens Public Comment Period to Expand the Nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve: Additional Scoping Meeting Scheduled and Comment Period Extended." dated November 22, 2005

The Worthy Mine Site is a hard rock limestone mine that has a void space of 21,500,000 barrels located in Virginia. Saltville Underground Storage Company, a Joint Venture of MAPCO, Inc and RFM made a proposal to the DOE during the 1980's. The mine passed rigorous evaluation by MAPCO and Great Midwest Corporation (the Nation's largest underground storage operator) as well as technical overviews by Swedish, French and American underground professionals.

The site was inspected on the ground by the then deputy assistant secretary for the SPR Mr. Richard Furiga and assistant Energy secretary for fossil fuels Mr. Bill Vaughn. We appeared before The National Petroleum Council and both the House and Senate Energy Committees.

As the cold war cooled down the SPR Program was put on the back burner and Worthy Mine is idle but available.

A crude oil pipeline connection from York, Virginia to Catlettsburg, Kentucky via The Worthy Mine will provide a land based pipeline flow of crude oil from the Gulf Coast Salt Domes to the East Coast. As well as a reverse flow from York to the Mid continent area thereby providing DIVERSITY and REDUNDANCY to both the East Coast and to the Mid continent.

Katrina and Rita have made it more obvious that sites other than just the Gulf Coast Salt Domes are vital to add Diversity and Redundancy to the SPR Program.

Further that Congress is requesting the industry to build more pipelines to improve and provide a more secure distribution system.

The then Governor of Virginia John Dalton was a leading proponent of the Worthy Mine Proposal and approval at all Commonwealth, county and local governmental bodies was granted.

The Worthy Mine can be readily available and can also be partitioned for the storage of fuel oil which can tie into the Colonial Pipeline and Plantation Pipeline at Roanoke and Knoxville.

Our comparative economic studies indicate that the Worthy Mine is considerably less expensive than Salt Domes and provide far greater diversity and redundancy.

Your guidance as to how this facility can be presented to the DOE for consideration to be a part of the SPR program will be appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted:..... Randall F. Montgomery .. [REDACTED]
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